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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Monday, 15th/June, through Monday, 22nd/June there were 213 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0S, PZ, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T31, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

6M, SOUTH KOREA

By the time you read this, a South Korean group will have a "6m DX Propagation Experimental

Station" up and running between June 19th and July 31st. The callsign will be 6M6M. Activity will be on CW, SSB, FM and the Digital modes. They will operate from the Gyeonggi Province (HL2 area). QSL via HL2UVH.

A9, BAHRAIN

Fawaz, A92AA, will be active from Bahrain (AS-002) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via A92AA direct.

BV0, TAIWAN

Members of the Amateur Radio Taipei (ART) will be active as BV0TW from Taiwan (AS-020) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are YL Emily/BU2BE, Adam/BU2BF, Zhong-Hong/BU2BO, Bruce/BU2BW, Leon/BU2CN, Yao/BU2CM, YaoJun/BV5OO, Sam/BX3AA and Jie/BX3ABH. QSL via BU2BF, direct or by the Bureau. Visit the Amateur Radio Taipei (ART) Web page at:

<http://www.art.org.tw/en>

C4, CYPRUS

The Cyprus Headquarters (HQ) team will participate in IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 11-12th). Several contest stations across Cyprus will hit the airwaves on Saturday, July 11th, starting 1200 UTC using the special contest callsign C4HQ. There will be stations on all six HF contest bands (10-160m) on both CW and SSB. The team states,

"Please look out for us! Our contest exchange will be our signal report followed by 'CARS' the official IARU abbreviation of the Cyprus Amateur Radio Society. This is our third entry in the contest with an HQ station and for the first time we will be making several awards available to stations that will work us on several band/mode slots, with a minimum of six contacts on different band/modes required to secure an award. We are also offering sprint awards to stations that are able to contact C4HQ on the highest number of band/mode slots in the shortest period of time! All awards will be offered to eligible stations free of charge. For more information about our C4HQ entry in the IARU HF World Championship, including station locations, pictures of operating sites, award program details, QSL policy, etc... please visit the website of the Cyprus Amateur Radio Society

www.cyhams.org

See you in the contest!"

C6, BAHAMAS

Just a reminder that Pete, VE3IKV, will be active as C6AUX from the Baycaner Beach Resort at Pirate's Well on Mayaguana Island in the far southern Bahamas Islands (Grid FL32) between June 22nd and July 6th. Activity will be on 6 meters using CW and SSB. This will be the same set-up as at TF/VE3IKV. QSL direct via VE3IKV.

CO/T40, CUBA

Organized by Grupo DX de Cuba (GDXC), the Federación de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC) will be active as a Headquarter entry with the callsign T40HQ, during next IARU HF Championship. This is the fourth time the FRC is active in this category since 2009 when using the callsign T40C. Setup includes 11 different stations in seven cities from western to eastern

side of the island. Most of them will be using homebrew 2 elements yagis, wire antennas and low power. QSL via OH2TA.

Operators	Band	Mode	City
CO6CAC	80	CW	Sagua la Grande
CO8ZZ	80	SSB	Las Tunas
CO7EH	40	CW	Camaguey
CO6YAC	40	SSB	Santa Clara
CO8CY	20	CW	Baracoa
CO6LC	20	SSB	Santa Clara
CO2FRC*	20	CW/SSB	Habana
CO6RD	15	CW	Sancti Spiritus
CO6EC	15	SSB	Santa Clara
CO6LP	10	CW	Santa Clara
CO6HK	10	SSB	Santa Clara

*Operators - CO2JD, CO2AME, CO2RQ CO2RVA, CM2PTE and CO2CW

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Tony, ZL2AGY, will once again be active as E51AGY from **Rarotonga Island (OC-013, WLOTA 0971)** between July 6th and August 6th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands, CW only. QSL via his home callsign.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Heinz, DF1YP, will once again be active as FO/DF1YP from **Moorea Island (OC-046, Pointe Aroa Light ARLHS FRP 004 and WLOTA 0465)** between September 5th and October 1st. Activity will be holiday style mainly on 20 meters on SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

FR/J, JUAN DE NOVA (Update)

The following was posted June 15th [edited]:

Arrangements for our next operation to Juan de Nova island are ongoing. We began the logistic operations by conditioning part of the equipment which will be implemented and we finalize some partnerships to supplement our equipment by taking into consideration the imposed constraints. Today, Juan de Nova comes 6th in the ClubLog Most Wanted DXCC listing, but after all major operations planned at the end of the year/early 2016, the island should be the 3rd most wanted DXCC, just behind the North Korea and Crozet!

One month after the announcement of the operation, we started to contact associations, clubs and foundations in order to help us to collect the necessary budget. This year particularly, this phase promises to be a true marathon, especially with the many other expeditions in the same time window. Right now, about a dozen sponsors already responded positively as well as sixty individual donators. We sincerely thank all these structures and their members for their generosity and their assistance, that is essential in this kind of adventure.

On June 12th, the NCDXF (Northern California DX Foundation) notified to us that a major contribution of 25,000 USDs has been granted to our operation. For 42

years, the NCDXF has contributed to finance expeditions in the rarest regions and make possible ambitious projects. We want to sincerely thank the NCDXF, its members and contributors who make DX operations possible.

This important help is a great step ahead for our team and we hope that other good surprises will follow. At the present time, we are far from reaching the necessary budget. The expenses this year are very important. Although we are very vigilant on each euro spent, there are costs like taxes, transport which remain incompressible and it will be necessary to support them in one way or another while trying not to cut down on the quantity of equipment that we hope to set-up.

We invite each DXer or sympathizer to visit our website and make a donation through the Paypal option. We are conscious that many of you will not hesitate to take part to the collective effort sometime during the operation or afterwards. In this kind of adventure, the major part of the expenses have to be paid before the departure; then, why wait until the last moment?

Let us remind you that for any donation higher or equal to 25\$/€ the QSL card will be automatically be sent to your home address after the operation. It is our manner of thanking you for having contributed personally to the project.

Most of the team will be at the International Amateur Radio Exhibition of Friedrichshafen (Germany). We will be available to answer your questions and to take into account your remarks and suggestions

ADDED NOTES:

The Juan de Nova Web page can be viewed at: <http://www.juandenovadx.com>

The Northern California DX Foundation Web page can be viewed at:

<http://www.ncdxf.org>

GRID SQUARES TO BE ACTIVATED (Satellite Op)

Ron, N8RO, announced that he will be on a road trip during the period June 22nd and July 4th. He plans to operate portable from EM50, EM84, EM99, FN13, FM28, FM04, EL79, EL49 and possibly other grids along the way. Ron will operate on SO-50 and FO-29.

IOTA NEWS

AS-102. Operators Tang/BM2AAV, BM2AJJ, BM2MEL, BM9AAQ, Jini/BO2AB, Eddie/BV2DD, Evan/BV2KS, Koji/BX4ABN, Kenichi/JP1RIW, Alfred/ VR2SA and Vong/XX9LT will be active as BO0K from **Kinmen Island** July 24-27th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via: ART QSL Service, P.O. Box 73-326, Taipei, Taiwan. For more details and updates, see the Amateur Radio Taipei (ART) Web page at:

<http://www.art.org.tw/en>

EU-008. Operators Alex/2M0GYN, Iain/GM0OQV, Gordon/MM0GOR, Barry/GM3YEH, John/GM0DJG, Bill/GM3ZRT, Jason/GM7VSB and Gordon/MM0GPZ will once again be active as GM7A [callsign of the Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC. (GM0ADX)] from **Gigha**

Island (IOSA NH24, SCOTIA CS23) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via GM7AAJ, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-079. Trond, LA9VDA, will be active from **Hareidlandet Island** between July 15-18th. This will be the first activation from WLOTA LH-3528 and WWFF LAFF-170 Flø Nature Reserve. QSL via details on QRZ.com.QRZ.com

EU-102. Operators Mike/UA1QV and Nick/RA1QQ will be active as homecall/1 from **Kashin Island** between June 24-28th, depending on weather conditions. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via their home callsigns.

NA-014. Mike, KI1U, will be active as KI1U/VE9 from **Grand Manan Island** (CISA NB-003, WLOTA 0082) between June 25-29th. Activity will be mainly CW and the Digital modes on 80-10 meters. His activity will be mostly during the ARRL's Field Day. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. There will be a log search on ClubLog.

NA-068. (Correction) Operators Scott/VE1QD and Dick/VE1AI will be active as VE1AI/9 from **Miscou Island** between June 18-20th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via VE1AI.

NA-212. Dan, HR2DMR, is expected to be active as H76W from **Farallones de Cosiguina** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th). Activity depends on the Honduran and Nicaraguan Navy officers. QSL via KD4POJ. NA-212 is one of the most wanted in NA.

OC-195. Operators Tim/VK7NSE and Paul/VK2HV are now active as VK7FG as June 19th, from **Flinders Island**, (for two weeks) until early July. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. Please do NOT send your card via the Bureau, it will NOT be received.

HK, COLOMBIA

Lothar, DK8LRF, will once again be active as HK3JCL from Finca Mariposa, Restrepo/Meta, between June 20th and October 20th. Activity will be mainly on 20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

IS0, SARDINIA

Richard, OK8WW/OM2TW, will be active as IS0/OM2TW from **Sardinia Island (EU-024)** between July 20th and August 1st. This will be a holiday DXpedition with XYL and kids. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mix-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY.

K8CX'S 2015 DAYTON HAMVENTION PHOTO GALLERY

Tom's, K8CX, 2015 Dayton Photo Gallery is now up at:

<http://hamgallery.com/dayton2015/>

This is Tom's 19th consecutive year for the gallery, and it contains 361 photos taken this year at the Crowne Plaza, various events and hospitality suites. There are now close to 4456 Dayton photos on HamGallery. The site has Dayton photos in

"The HamGallery" <http://hamgallery.com>

dating back to 1971. If you have any old photos from Dayton, please send them to K8CX. You may submit your own Dayton photos to be included in this gallery, but first please read the

guidelines listed on the top of the gallery page.

KP2, U.S VIRGIN ISLANDS (Correction)

Operators John/WA4PSO and his son Sean/N5PV will be active as KP2/WA4PSO and KP2/N5PV (TYPO last week; not KP2/N5PN) from the Radio Reef DX'ers Station rental shack (KP2M) on **St. Croix Island (NA-106)** between June 16-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on all bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL both via callsigns via N5PV or LoTW.

LX, LUXEMBOURG (LX9YL Project)

An International YL team will be active using the special callsign LX9YL from Eisenborn between August 7-10th. The team will consist of Dora/HB9EPE, Johanna/DJ5YL, Mado/F1EOY, Christine/ F4GDI, Claudine/F5JER, Tina/DL5YL, Evelyne/F5RPB and Sophie/F4DHQ. They plan to have three stations on the air covering 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (PSK31, 63, 125 and RTTY). The logs will be uploaded on Clublog as frequently as possible. QSL via the Luxembourg QSL Bureau to RL (Radioamateurs du Luxembourg Radio League) or QSL Manager Philippe/LX2A. For more information on the activity, visit the Web sites at:

*** YL France - <http://www.ref-union.net/yls/en/lx9yl-en>**

*** Luxembourg Amateur Radio Society (R.L.) - <http://www.rlx.lu/>**

OJ0, MARKET REEF (Press Release)

Jarmo, OH2BN, sent out the following on June 15th:

LAST NIGHT ON MARKET REEF - OJ0B CLOSING DOWN JUNE 15, 2015 AT 1500 UTC
-- CLEAR BUT WINDY EVENING ON THE REEF WITH OJ0B OPERATORS TEARING
DOWN LARGE MOONBOUNCE 2M ARRAY AND REPORTING 462 SOLID 2M EME/MS
QSOs

It's only some years back when using the moon as a reflector was considered a fun activity shared by just a few science types. Now technology has reached a point where hundreds of QSOs are possible but still it takes some endurance. Jussi, OH6ZZ, and Jukka, OH8MSM, have shown such a spirit, demonstrating the tricks of moonbounce QSOs for regular DX-pedition types. They have logged all continents and more than fifty contacts with the U.S. and Canada. They have operated and slept in the damp storage room of the lighthouse wearing arctic outfits as June temperatures are still running low out at sea.

Martti, OH2BH, and Kim, OH6KZP, picked up where Pekka, OH2TA, and Niko, OH2GEK, left off a few days ago. The HF total is more than 8000 QSOs and that includes 200+ on 50 MHz. They tested the SPE Expert 1.3 solid-state amps and ran more than 1 kW from a shaky lighthouse power source. These lightweight amps have proven to be real workhorses, easy to carry when landing with a rubber Zodiac in rough seas.

The weather was cooperative and all the maintenance work was completed; the fixed HF beam is now back in shape after an ice storm which had knocked down most of the elements.

OJOB logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and OQRS will be activated later this week. Now the tired but happy DXpeditioners are waiting for the sea to calm down, gazing at the horizon in anticipation of returning home to enjoy the upcoming Midsummer festivities, a festival of the summer solstice. Thank you for your interest in OJOB.

PACIFIC TOUR CONTINUES

By the time you read this, Bob, VK2RG, should be active as V73RG from Majuro, Marshall Islands, starting Monday, June 22nd, for a one week operation which could be extended to another week. Activity should be just like his recent T2RG Tuvalu operation, using a Yaesu FT-857D and a multiband dipole for 30-10 meters, possibly 40m, using SSB, JT65 and WSPR. Watch the SSB nets. After finishing his activities from Majuro, Bob will fly to Tarawa (OC-017), West Kiribati. He will receive his T32 callsign upon his arrival and operate for a week there. QSL via his home callsign direct.

PJ2, CURACAO

Owen, LA9PTA, will be active as PJ2/LA9PTA from Curacao between July 12-31st. Activity will be on 80-6 meters SSB only. He is using an Alinco Dx-70, Ldg at-200 pro2 tuner, Alpha ez military antenna with a 13 foot whip. QSL via his home callsign.

PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS (Update)

Operators Rich/K5AND, Chris/W3CMP and Terry/ K4RX will be active as PJ5/homecall and PJ5A from **St. Eustatius (NA-145)**, WLOTA 1851, WWFF PAFF-0025, WW Loc. FK87) between June 25th and July 6th. Activity will have an emphasis on 6 meters but with some HF and Low Band operations. QSL PJ5A via M0URX or his OQRS. There will be ClubLog updates. QSL all others via their home callsigns. LoTW upload will be done at the earliest opportunity. For more details and updates, watch:

<http://www.dkhanson.com/pj5>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 22-28th)

Jun/22nd AN	Jun/25th AN	Jun/27th AN
Jun/23rd AN	Jun/26th AN	Jun/28th AN
Jun/24th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE

<http://www.bandconditions.com>

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (June 19th)

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5P9X via OZ9GA           HF3PAPCIO via SP3SBY       SP/DJ7ZO via DJ7ZO
AM510HRE via EA5HRE       HF3ROMEK via SQ3ODX       SP73VOT via SP5PBE
AM510KB via EA5KB         HF3TALENT via SQ1GPR      SQ9RFD via KB9IIZ
CR6K via CT1ILT (d)       HG21IAS via DL2JTE        SV5/SV1LK via SV1LK
EA5/DL5EO via DL5EO       MC0SHL via M0URX          TA4/OH2KW via OH2KW
EG7RLB via EC7BM         OE/DL5ZG/P via DL5ZG      TM1USA via F5PTA (e)
GB2AIR via G7CDI          OH/SP6TGI via SP6TGI      VE9/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
GB2MOF via GM4UYZ         OL21UEFA via OK2KYD       VP9/WA4PGM via WA4PGM (d)
GB8CMC via (e)           OL40A via OK1MR           VY2/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
GX4RSE via GB2BM (B)     PI25COM via PA3CAL        XM3R via VE3MIS
HB90IARU via HB9JOE       SM2/DC6VA via DC6VA       Z21GC via K3IRV
HF1TYTUS via SQ1KSM      SN0P via SP5IOU           ZA/HA2SG via HA2SG
HF30ZBX via SP8ZBX       SN27OPW via SP3RNZ
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only
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CT1AHU was active from CTFF-0009 (Parque Natural da Serra de São Mamede) this past week until Wednesday. QSL via PT7ZT.

K6VVA EXPEDITION QSL POLICY UPDATE! Rick has announced a new QSL policy, and it can be viewed at: <http://www.k6vva.com/iota> **QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW:** FM5DN, FM/K9NW, ON7TQ, PA3HIZ, VA3ZV and VP2MKV

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: C21EU, E30FB, FW1JG, MT0IXD, SV1ASP/A, T88XX, TI9/3Z9DX, V6Z and VK9NT

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: HP0CC and VK9DLX

SV5, DODECANESE

Volker, DL1ZB, will once again be active as SV5/DL1ZB from **Kos Island (EU-001)** between August 12th and September 29th. Activity will be on 20-6 meters using SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK63. QSL via DL1ZB, by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI

Last week we mentioned that Lee, T31LP, was active from **Nikumaroro Island (OC-043)**. Well, reports indicate that he is operating onboard the vessel "Nai'a", which is alongside the SS Norwich City, offshore of Nikumaroro island. This means T31LP is NOT good for DXCC or IOTA. There may be a chance he may yet operate on land. LISTEN to what he says (boat or land).

TF, ICELAND

Jeff, F4GGQ, will be active as TF/F4GGQ from **Iceland (EU-021)** between August 10-16th. Activity will be only on SSB, holiday style. QSL via F4EFI, by the Bureau or direct.

TF, ICELAND

Bill, K2HVN, will once again be active as TF/K2HVN from Iceland between August 31st and September 7th. Activity will be holiday style on 30-10 meters, using the following suggested frequencies: CW - 10115, 14040 and 18085 kHz and SSB - 14260 and 18128 kHz. Bill will try to spot himself on the Summit Web site for the 15, 12 and 10 meter freqs. QSL via K2HVN (with SASE) or by the Bureau. No LoTW or eQSL. See QRZ.com for info.

TO90, REUNION ISLAND

Mario, FR4QT, will be active as TO90R in celebration of the 90th anniversary of R.E.F on various dates in June, July, October and December. Current days listed are: June 27-28th, July 11-12th, July 14th, October 24-25th, December 12-13th, December 19-20th and December 26th. QSL via FR4QT.

USI NEWS

Jay Chamberlain, NS4J, USI Webmaster and Awards Chairman, reports: The US Islands Award Program (USI) has announced a new date for the W/VE Island QSO Party for 2015. It will be held between 1200z, Saturday, August 29th and 0300z, Sunday, August 30th. The complete details on rules and scoring changes can be found at:

<http://www.usislands.org>

V6, MICRONESIA

Kouchi, JR2GAG, will be active as V63GG from Kolonia, **Pohnpei Island (OC-010)**, between June 29th and July 5th. Activity will be mostly on 20-6 meters, but he will be able to go to 160-40 meters. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. No LoTW or eQSL.

YJ, VANUATU

Geoff, ZL3GA, will once again be active as YJ0GA from the Benjor Beach Club on **Efate Island (OC-035)** between July 21-27th. Activity will be on the beach in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) using 100 watts into a an End Fed Half Wave vertical and as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Mixed-Mode entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (preferred).



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